

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2143  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY  
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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, KS, UNESCO

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN PEACE OFFENSIVE

REF: STATE 032654

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA NORTH KOREA DIVISION CHIEF KIM CHAE YONG NORTH KOREANS HAVE HELD ABOUT 22 PRESS CONFERENCES AROUND THE WORLD TO PUBLICIZE THEIR JANUARY 25 PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN "PEOPLES ORGANIZATIONS" FROM NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, WHICH THEY IN MANY CASES DESCRIBE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT UNCLEAR TO THE UNINITIATED WHETHER OR NOT IT INCLUDES THE ROKG. KIM SAID THAT CAREFUL READING OF THE CONTENTS OF THESE CONFERENCES USUALLY ELIMINATES THESE AMBIGUITIES. HE DISCRIBED THE UNESCO PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS AS ANOTHER IN THIS SERIES.

2. KIM PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH FOLLOWING LIST OF 20 SUCH PRESS CONFERENCES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE JANUARY 25:

FEB 2. PAPUA NEW GUINEA, KN AMBASSADOR;

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FEB. 3 INDONESIA, NK AMBASSADOR;

FEB 3, GENEVA, NK AMBASSADOR - PRESS CONFERENCE -PROPOSED NORTH-SOUTH DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ROK, NON-NUCLEAR ZONE IN KOREA;

FEB 10: UNESCO, NK REP TO UNESCO;

NO DATE: FINLAND, NK AMBASSADOR;

JAN 31: JORDAN, NK CHARGE;

FEB 8. SIERRA LEONE, NK AMBASSADOR;

NO DATE: EGYPT, NK AMBASSADOR;

NO DATE: TANZANIA, NK AMBASSADOR;

JANUARY 27: EAST GERMANY.

FOLLOWING ALL NO DATE, NK AMBASSADOR PRESS CONFERENCE:

VIETNAM, CUBA, MONGOLIA, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY,  
POLAND.

3.KIM SAID THAT MOFA DID NOT HAVE A TEXT OF THE PARIS PRESS  
CONFERENCE BUT THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT NK WOULD  
ANNOUNCE SUCH A DRAMATIC POLICY CHANGE AT UNESCO. HE SAID THAT  
ROK EMBASSY HAD CHARACTERIZED CONFERENCE AS REPITITION OF PREVIOUS  
NORTH KOREAN JANUARY 25 PROPOSAL AND HAD RETRANSMITTED AFP  
WIRE STORY SINCE TEXT NOT AVAILABLE. HE SAID THAT ROK EMBASSY  
DID NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND  
HAD NO FIRST HAND ACCOUNT.

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